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Rocky Flats Field Office

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SUBJECT: Rocky Flats Field Office Commitment to Closure of the Protected Area

TO: Robert G. Card
President
Kaiser-Hill Company, L.L.C.

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally document the Department of Energy (DOE), Rocky Flats Field Office (RFFO) commitment to use its best efforts to work with the Kaiser-Hill Company L.L.C. (K-H) to achieve timely closure of the Protected Area (PA) to accomplish the goals established in the K-H Contract DE-AC34-00RF01904.

The DOE RFFO acknowledges that the safe, secure, and cost-effective closure of the Rocky Flats Technology Site (Site) by 2006 requires an innovative approach to protecting special nuclear material (SNM) while simultaneously enabling decommissioning and demolition activities. The DOE RFFO commits to work cooperatively with K-H to effect changes necessary to enable and assist closing the PA by October 31, 2002.

The objectives in accomplishing the PA closure milestone are: (1) To reduce the protective force; (2) To allow unescorted access to the current protected areas and the majority of buildings in the PA; (3) To reduce clearance and escort requirements; and (4) to eliminate work delays due to alarm response, personnel and vehicle access control.

Specifically, the DOE RFFO commits to seeking approval of the following two deviations to DOE Order 5632.1C-1:

1. A waiver to enable the storage of Category II quantities of attractiveness level "D" waste outside of a PA. The waste would be within the Property Protection Area of the Site.
2. A deviation that authorizes the implementation of a modified protection strategy for the Site which allows the elimination or reduction of the PA. The modified protection strategy will provide an equivalent level of protection and will be supported by a defensible vulnerability analysis and assessment.

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To achieve closure of the PA, the DOE RFFO also commits to use best efforts:

1. Continuing with the understanding on the approach presented by K-H at the Termination of Safeguards and Security Workshop conducted on September 14 and 15, 1999, with regard to the hold-up strategy, planning efforts, and actual Material Access Area (MAA) closure for all process and process related buildings at the Site.
2. Exercising its best efforts to approve the required deviations to DOE Order 5632.1C-1 within 60 days of submittal.
3. Attempt to maintain the funding for the Rocky Flats Closure Project through a single fund source.



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